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NEWS SUMMARY

**West Bend, Wisconsin Man Indicted for Sexual Exploitation of a
Child (Producing Child Pornography) and Possession of Child
Pornography**

Acting United States Attorney Michelle L. Jacobs announced today that Martin A. Ott, 55, from West Bend, Wisconsin, was indicted today for sexual exploitation of a child which involved the production of child pornography and possession of child pornography. Ott was originally arrested on December 18, 2008, after a federal search warrant was executed at his residence in West Bend, Wisconsin. At the time of his arrest, Ott was charged by criminal complaint, issued in Milwaukee federal court, for production of child pornography and distribution of child pornography. Subsequent to his arrest, Ott appeared in federal court in Milwaukee and was ordered detained without bond until his trial.

Specifically, the indictment alleges that on October 11, 2008, and on November 2, 2008, Ott engaged in sexual exploitation of a child by producing child pornography. Ott has also been indicted for possession of child pornography on December 18, 2008. If convicted of the charges in the indictment of production of child pornography, Ott faces a minimum of 15 years and a maximum of 30 years imprisonment, \$250,000 in fines, and a minimum of 5 years and up to life time of supervised release following his term of imprisonment, on each count. If convicted of the charge in the indictment of possession of child pornography, Ott faces up to 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and a minimum of 5 years and up to life of supervised release.

This case was the result of a joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Cyber Crime Task Forces in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and California. Assistant United States Attorney Penelope L. Coblentz is prosecuting this case.

According to Acting United States Attorney Michelle L. Jacobs, the "Department of Justice has made the protection of our nation's children a top priority through Project Safe Childhood, and prosecutions such as this further this priority."

The public is cautioned that an indictment is merely the formal method of charging an individual and does not constitute evidence of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, the government establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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